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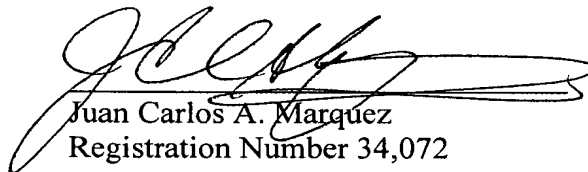
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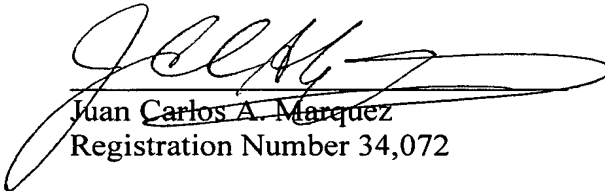
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed on December 9, 2008, the period of response to which is set to expire on March 9, 2009. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows: